



Ohio Attorney General's Office
Bureau of Criminal Investigation
Investigative Report



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 913 Lebanon Street, Monroe,
Ohio (L)

Investigative Activity: Case Opening
Involves: Dustin Booth (S)
Date of Activity: 02/12/2022
Activity Location: Monroe Police Department – Business – 233 South Main Street,
P.O. Box 330, Monroe, OH 45050
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Narrative:

On Saturday, February 12, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI) Special Agent Richard Ward was requested to conduct an investigation (officer-involved critical incident) into the shooting death of Dustin "Dusty" Booth by Monroe (Butler County) police officers during the evening hours of February 11, 2022.

Agent Ward arrived in the area of the incident location at 0140 hours, and noticed several Monroe police vehicles positioned behind a dark colored, GMC 3500, pick-up truck (Ohio Registration PLE-1351) at the intersection of New Garver Road, Lebanon Street and State Route 63, Monroe (Butler County), Ohio. At the intersection, was a triangular shaped concrete slab; slightly elevated divider positioned in the northeastern part of the intersection, which divided/directed traffic north (straight), east (right turn lane) onto State Route 63.

Agent Ward and BCI Special Agent Steve Seitzman, who had arrived moments after, were informed and directed by BCI Crime Scene Unit (CSU) Special Agent Kevin Wagner to the area the incident had concluded, which was previously described above. On the elevated portion of the divider, Agent Ward observed apparent human blood, various medical supplies, which included tourniquets; a tan western style gun belt with holster; and several additional rounds of unfired ammunition stored on the gun belt. Agent Ward observed a large caliber silver/chrome revolver also positioned on the elevated portion of the divider with the hammer in the cocked position. Agent Ward also observed a gray, tote-style bag in the roadway in front of the aforementioned GMC 3500 pick-up truck. See CSU report for the processing of the scene.

Agent Ward proceeded to the Monroe Police Department and was briefed with the following details: On February 11, 2022, during the afternoon hours, Monroe police were contacted by Brandi Booth, the decedent's wife. Brandi had reported Dustin [Booth] had been acting erratically and had been recently placed on a medical hold a week prior for a psychotic episode.

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When Monroe police attempted to stop Dustin while he operated his truck, Dustin refused and ignored the officer's signals and drove to his residence at 120 Bluegrass Lane. Once at his residence, Dustin again ignored the officer and entered his residence. For several hours, Monroe police attempted to make contact with Dustin, but after a few verbal exchanges between Dustin and the police, Dustin refused to exit the residence. After several hours, Monroe police cleared the marked patrol vehicles from the residence and had plain clothes officers maintain observations on the residence. During the stand-off with Dustin, officers observed Dustin through a window with a handgun while inside the residence.

During the later evening hours on the same day, Dustin's friend, Justin Duh, had met with Dustin and the two eventually left the residence in Duh's GMC truck. Duh, who had been in communication with Monroe police, informed the police that he and Dustin had left the residence and Dustin was in possession of a handgun, which was inside a tote bag. Duh was eventually stopped by Monroe police officers on Lebanon Street near New Garver Road; Dustin, seated in the passenger seat, exited the truck with a handgun and was fatally shot by Monroe police officers.

BCI was tasked with conducting the investigation into the officer involved critical incident that occurred, which included the interview of all involved parties and pertinent witnesses.